



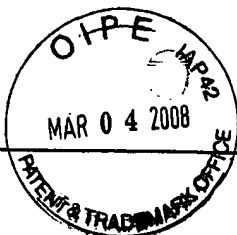
(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/500,303
Confirmation Number	9869
Filing Date	June 28, 2004
First Named Inventor	Toshimasa SAKAYORI et al.
Art Unit	1734
Examiner Name	Yewebdar T. Tadesse
Attorney Docket Number	042471

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.



Combined Form PTO/SB/08A&B

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Sheet	1	of	1
Application Number	10/500,303		
Confirmation Number	9869		
Filing Date	June 28, 2004		
First Named Inventor	Toshimasa SAKAYORI et al.		
Art Unit	1734		
Examiner Name	Yewebdar T. Tadesse		
Attorney Docket Number	042471		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			
		US			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
	1	JP	9-52064	A	02-25-1997	MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD	Abstract
	2	JP	63-160974	A	07-04-1988	MINOLTA CAMERA KK	Abstract
	3	JP	51-58167	A	05-21-1976	MAEMOTO KAZUZO	

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶
	4	Office Action dated September 4, 2007, issued in corresponding Japanese Application No. 2002-275430	No

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.